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PRESTEL LAUNCHES WORLD-WIDE TELEX LINK

The 60,000 customers of Prestel, British Telecom's videotex service, can now send telexes anywhere in the world, and receive them, over Prestel's Telex Link.

Sending a telex on Telex Link is just like sending any other message on Prestel. Telex Link automatically transmits messages to the telex number given by the user, and keeps the user informed of progress by sending messages back through the Prestel Mailbox facility. The user is charged only when a successful delivery has been made.

Incoming telexes appear in users' mailboxes, and can be seen and dealt with in the usual way. Senders of telexes to Prestel users via the Telex Link number need only quote the Prestel Mailbox number of the recipient at the start of their message, and Telex Link does the rest.

Sending telexes on Prestel uses customers' existing equipment. No additional equipment is necessary.

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This powerful enhancement to Prestel's message services has been based on the proven success of the UK send-only service, which has been operating for 12 months.

NOTE TO EDITORS

The tariffs for the full international Telex Link service are as follows:

Per response frame message (approximately 100 words) successfully sent to Telex destination specified:

UK	£0.50	+VAT
Europe	£1.00	+VAT
N America	£2.00	+VAT
Elsewhere	£3.00	+VAT
Maritime	£5.00	+VAT

Incoming telexes, directed to recipient's mailbox, are received free of charge.

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